IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims, AMEND claims, and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CANCELED)

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gas-discharge display apparatus according to claim ~~3~~ 12, comprising:

an optical filter having characteristics in which first and second peak absorbencies exist in the visible light wavelength range, a transmittance T_{585} at a wavelength of 585 nanometers is smaller than each of a transmittance T_{45O} at a wavelength of 450 nanometers, a transmittance T_{620} at a wavelength of 620 nanometers, and a transmittance T_{525} at a wavelength of 525 nanometers is smaller than a transmittance T_{450} at a wavelength of 450 nanometers.

5. (CANCELED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 12, wherein the transmittance T_{585} is smaller than 0.7 times the transmittance T_{450} and is smaller than the transmittance T_{525} .

7. (CANCELED)

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11. (CANCELED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gas-discharge display apparatus including a plasma display panel utilizing at least one of neon and helium gases to generate a gas discharge for exciting a fluorescent material emitting red color, a fluorescent material emitting green color and a fluorescent material emitting blue color to display a color image on a display screen thereof, comprising:

an optical filter covering the entire screen and disposed in front of ~~a gas discharge spaee~~ the plasma display panel, selectively absorbing light having a wavelength equal to that of light emission of the gas~~,~~ and having characteristics in which first and second peak absorbencies exist in a visible light wavelength range, a wavelength of a first peak absorbency has a value within a range of 580 to 600 nanometers and corresponds to the wavelength of the light emission of the gas, a wavelength of a second peak absorbency has a value within the range of 500 to 550 nanometers and corresponds to a wavelength of the fluorescent material emitting a green color, a transmittance of the optical filter at the first peak absorbency is ~~smaller than 0.5 times an average transmittance in a blue wavelength range~~ 50% or less, and an average transmittance in a green wavelength range is larger than a transmittance at a first peak absorbency and is smaller than an average transmittance in the blue wavelength range.

13. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the optical filter comprises a component separate from a display device having the gas discharge space therein, and is disposed in front of the display device.

14. (AS UNAMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the optical filter is made of a film having said characteristics.

15. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the optical filter is in contact with the front surface of a transparent substrate comprising the display screen.

16. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the optical filter comprises an organic resin in which a substance absorbing light of a specific wavelength is dispersed.

17. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a non-glare layer is disposed in front of the optical filter.

18. (CANCELED)